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COMMISSIONERS CLYBURN, COPPS TO DISCUSS TELEMEDICINE SERVICES AT MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TUESDAY

FCC Commissioners Mignon Clyburn and Michael Copps will discuss how broadband has enabled the Medical University of South Carolina to serve rural areas through telemedicine. MUSC officials will describe the research institution's support for advanced stroke treatment services, prenatal care and other health care services for women via broadband networks. MUSC is part of the Palmetto State Providers Network, which connects four rural and underserved regions to a fiber optic backbone being developed in the state and Internet2. The network is a participant in the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program.

EVENT DETAILS

WHO: FCC Commissioners Mignon Clyburn and Michael Copps and officials from the

Medical University of South Carolina

WHAT: How broadband has enabled telemedicine services

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

WHERE: Medical University of South Carolina

Ashley River Tower

25 Courtney Drive, Room 2008

Charleston, S.C.

Parking and Escort: Please meet Heather Woolwine with MUSC Public Relations in the first floor lobby of the Ashley River Tower at 1:50 p.m. for escort to the meeting area. Parking is available in the MUSC garage behind Ashley Tower and can be validated for media.

The FCC is convening a series of hearings this fall to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and the public on development of a National Broadband Plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010 that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to various national priorities.

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